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\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\*
November 15, 2014

**Date/Time Occurred:** 11/15/2014 0030 hrs

Location: Center/ Bridge, Visalia

**VPD Report Number:** 14-13942

Type of Incident: Assault with a Deadly Weapon

(firearm), Kidnapping, Domestic Violence, Felony

**Evading Arrest** 

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect: Age: Arrested:

1. Harper, Dominic 34 Yes

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**Details:** On 11/15/2014 at 0030 hours, a VPD officer was in the downtown area of Visalia when gunshots were heard from the area of Center/Bridge. A witness pointed out a vehicle westbound on Center at a high rate of speed from Bridge. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle; however, the vehicle failed to yield and sped up to speeds over 80 MPH. The vehicle crashed into a curb and a tree at the intersection of Center and Hall. The driver, Harper, was taken into custody. The female passenger suffered minor injuries and was transported to KDMC. A firearm was located at the scene.

The investigation revealed Harper had a domestic dispute with the female victim. He was seen by witnesses dragging her to a vehicle and actually backed the vehicle into her. Several bystanders tried to intervene, but Harper pulled out a handgun and fired several rounds toward them. No one was struck by the gunfire. Harper then fled in the vehicle with the female victim where he eventually fled from the officer.

Harper was treated at KDMC for minor injuries and eventually booked at the Tulare County Jail for Domestic Violence, Kidnapping, Assault with a Deadly Weapon (vehicle), Assault with a Deadly Weapon (firearm), Felony Evading, and other related charges.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol Supervisor: Sgt. Lentzner S123

